GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MISDEEDS OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Centre wakes up to `loot` by hospitals` appearining in the Indian Express dated January 29, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to check such practices;

(e) whether the Government propose to appoint private agencies to conduct blood tests, X-Rays etc. to improve the situation in the Government Hospitals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government on receipt of complaints regarding submission of inflated bills by some private hospitals recognised under CGHS Hyderabad, deputed Dr. T.K. Banerjee, Additional Director, CGHS, Kolkatta, for conducting an inquiry into the matter. Based on the findings in the Inquiry Report, the Government has referred the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation for investigation. Simultaneously, a special audit of CGHS dispensaries in Hyderabad has been ordered. Transfer of some of the officials at CGHS Hyderabad is also being taken up. Detailed guidelines have already been issued to the Additional Director, CGHS, Hyderabad, for exercising control over expenditure by private hospitals recognised under CGHS Hyderabad. Further, the fresh recognition of private hospitals under CGHS Hyderabad have been done by the

Government by following through a transparent process based on the report of the Expert Committee deputed for inspection of the physical facilities and manpower, etc. available in these private hospitals and no favour has been done by the Government to any of the private hospitals so recognised under CGHS by the Government.

(e) & (f) The Government has already recognised 14 diagnostic centres under CGHS Hyderabad for conducting various radiological/pathological investigation.